

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 27, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ehli
Rep. Kipp III
Rep. B. Smith

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action on: HB 112; HB 175; HB 209; HB 215; HB 224; HB 239; HB 242; HB 254; HJ 4

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 112

00:01:41 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 112 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:01:47 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:02:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ehli and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 175

00:03:27 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 175 DO PASS.**

00:04:06 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 175 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah20a01)

Discussion:

00:04:21 Megan Moore, LSD

00:04:58 Rep. Hamilton

00:06:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ehli and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

00:07:12 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 175 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:07:28 Rep. Z. Brown

00:09:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ehli and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 209

00:09:58 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 209 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:10:06 Megan Moore, LSD

00:10:26 Rep. Jacobson

00:10:54 Rep. White

00:11:29 Rep. Abbott

00:12:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Kipp and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. Ehli and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 215

00:14:31 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 215 DO PASS.**

00:14:35 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Lavin made a substitute motion that **HB 215 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

00:14:44 Rep. Dunwell
00:15:10 Rep. Abbott
00:15:42 Rep. Lavin
00:16:00 Rep. Jacobson
00:17:09 Rep. Dunwell

00:19:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Kipp and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. Ehli and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

00:19:26 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 224 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:19:35 Megan Moore, LSD

00:20:10 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 224 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT](#)(tah20a02)

Discussion:

00:20:29 Megan Moore, LSD
00:21:50 Rep. Jacobson
00:22:02 Megan Moore, LSD
00:22:57 Rep. White
00:23:42 Rep. Jacobson
00:24:54 Rep. White
00:25:51 Rep. Fern
00:26:14 Rep. Jacobson
00:26:18 Chair Essmann

00:27:00 Without objection, Rep. Jacobson withdrew the **BE AMENDED AND DO PASS** motions.

00:27:28 Recessed
00:42:28 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 242

00:43:01 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 242 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:43:10 Megan Moore, LSD

00:43:51 Rep. Jacobson

00:44:50 Rep. Redfield

00:45:16 Rep. A. Hertz

00:45:55 Chair Essmann

00:47:04 Rep. Jacobson

00:47:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Kipp and Rep. B. Smith voting aye. Rep. Ehli and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

00:49:04 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 242 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 254

00:49:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. A. Hertz moved that **HB 254 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 17-3 by voice vote with Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Kipp and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. Ehli and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 4

00:50:26 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HJ 4 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:50:35 Megan Moore, LSD

00:51:12 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HJ 4 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

00:51:31 Megan Moore, LSD

00:51:51 Rep. White

00:53:02 Rep. Beard

00:53:37 Rep. Dunwell

00:54:07 Rep. Z. Brown

00:54:27 Rep. Dunwell

00:54:32 Rep. Jacobson

00:55:06 Rep. Fern

00:55:26 Rep. Jacobson

00:55:50 Without objection, Rep. White withdrew the **BE AMENDED** motion.

00:57:05 Rep. Fern

00:57:49 Chair Essmann

00:57:55 **Motion**: Rep. Fern moved to **POSTPONE ACTION ON HJ 4**. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:59:20

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah20aad.pdf](#))